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SUBJ: (U) Secretary of Defense Carter Bilateral Meeting with Japanese Defense Minister Nakatani at ADMM-Plus in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on November 3, 2015

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1. ~~(S)~~ SUMMARY: On November 3, 2015, Secretary of Defense Ash Carter hosted Japanese Defense Minister Gen Nakatani for a one-hour bilateral meeting in Kuala Lumpur, where the Association of Southeast Asian Nations Defense Minister's Meeting - Plus (ADMM-Plus) was held. (b)(1) where both the Minister and the Secretary affirmed the ongoing strength and significance of the Alliance. During their fourth encounter this year, Secretary Carter and Minister Nakatani expressed support for the establishment of the new Alliance Coordination Mechanism (ACM) and the Bilateral Planning Mechanism (BPM) and reaffirmed the (b)(1) commitment of both nations to the Futenma Replacement Facility (FRF). Additionally, they exchanged views on the ongoing

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Host Nation Support negotiations, trilateral cooperation with the Republic of Korea and other Asia-Pacific partner countries, and recent agreements that enhance defense equipment and technology cooperation. Finally, the two leaders discussed the rapidly evolving regional security environment. (b)(1) and affirmed both governments' determination to conduct maritime operations in accordance with international law. END SUMMARY.

(U) Defense Guidelines Implementation and New Security Legislation

2. (S) Secretary Carter welcomed Japan's enactment of the Peace and Security Legislation, hailing it along with the new bilateral Defense Guidelines as a major historical achievement. Both Ministers expressed support for the establishment of the ACM and the BPM. (b)(1) The Secretary praised substantial progress in both cyber and space cooperation working groups as they signify a new era of the Alliance.

(U) Okinawa Realignment and the Futenma Replacement Facility (FRF)

3. (b)(1),(b)(5)

(U) China and the South China Sea (SCS)

4. (S) Minister Nakatani remarked the significance of the timing and location of his fourth meeting with Secretary Carter

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5. (S) Minister Nakatani expressed his full support for the U.S. position and asked to enhance Alliance cooperation to increase joint training and capacity-building efforts

(b)(1) the U.S. favors an international system where everyone

participates equally and no one is above the rule of law.

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(U) Defense Equipment and Technology Cooperation

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(U) Trilateral Cooperation

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He

asked the U.S. to increase cooperation with its new Acquisition Technology and Logistics Agency (ATLA).

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The Secretary assured that the U.S. respects sovereignty and our Alliance is based on international law. He is confident that the issue can be handled in the context of the Alliance.

(U) Host Nation Support (HNS) Negotiations

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The Minister stated he understood that both staffs are working hard to conclude the negotiations.

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(U) V-22 Aircraft Safety

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